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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Since the introduction of the Urban Housing Scheme in 1947–48 up to 31st January 1954, a loan of Rs. 1,63,38,850 has been sanctioned to House Building Co-operative Societies in the Madras City.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Co-operation whether Government have got any statistics of the platform dwellers in the City of Madras? May I know whether Government will come forward at least this year with sufficient financial help to redress the grievances of platform dwellers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give the figures regarding platform dwellers off-hand. The Madras Corporation submitted a comprehensive scheme of slum improvement works in the City in connexion with the Central Government's scheme of financial assistance for slum improvement works. That scheme has been forwarded to the Government of India by this Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many buildings have these societies constructed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be asked."

Grant of residential scholarships to the students of the Backward Classes.

* 636 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of residential scholarships granted to the Backward Class students in the various high schools and colleges in the present Madras State during 1952–53;

(b) the number of persons who applied for the grant of these scholarships; and

(c) the actual amount spent on this account during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) 1,445 residential scholarship were granted to the Backward Class pupils studying in the various colleges, Arts and Professional, during 1952–53. No residential scholarship was granted to the Backward Class pupils studying in the high schools during 1952–53.

" (b) Statistics regarding the number of applications received during the year 1952–53 have not been maintained.

" (c) The amount spent was Rs. 6,05,757–15–0."

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*SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Most of the Backward community students could not get residential scholarships as there was not sufficient provision for the same in the Budget. Will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the provision under this head? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI **A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR** :—" சட்டக் கல்லூரியில் படிக்கும் பிற்பட்ட இன மாணவர்களுக்கு ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவார்களா ? அதை நிவர்த்திக்க மந்திரியார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The Hon. Minister referred to the fact that no residential scholarship was given to the students. May I know the reason why no residential scholarship was given to the Backward community students? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Members of the Backward Communities Board suggested that they would prefer the grant of residential scholarships to the students in colleges rather than in schools. But in view of what Mr. Aranganathan has now told us, we will consider his suggestion."

Income and expenditure in the Forest department.

* 637 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the income and expenditure during 1952–53 in the Forest department in all the districts except South Arcot district in the present Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The district-wise figures of income and expenditure in the Forest Department are not available as the Forest Divisions are not confined to Revenue districts. A statement[a] showing the income and expenditure during 1952–53 for each forest division is placed on the table."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do these receipts include fines collected departmentally for violation of forest laws? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Reservation of higher posts for Sanitary Inspectors.

* 638 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what percentage of the higher posts is reserved for Sanitary Inspectors?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Nil, Sir."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix III on page 477 infra.**